Production of Rice

144. DR RATNAKAR PANDEY. Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state·

(a) whether a recent study of the PHD Chambers revealed that while India accounts for 26 per cent of area under rice cultivation it accounts for only 19 per cent of the global rice out-put; and

(b) what is Government's reaction to the revelation of this study, that efficiency of India's paddy cultivation is comparatively one of the lowest, and if so, what steps are being contemplated to increase the efficiency in this field?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JAYANTILAL VIRCHANDBHAI SHAH) (a) and (b) In a recent study of PHD Chambers, it has been mentioned that "we account for over 28 per cent of the area under rice cultivation in the World and about 19 per cent of the World rice production"

India accounts for about 28 7 per cent paddy area and 21 8 per cent of production in the world Though the rice productivity in the country is lower than the global average it is higher than in some of the neighbouring countries

Yields of rice are influenced by agro-climatic paramsters, extent of irrigation and socio-economic factors For increasing the productivity of rice in the country an Integrated Programme For Rice Development is being implemented in all major rice growing States

Cancellation of long distance trains passing through Ayodhya

145 SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of long distance trains passing through Ayodhya or near about were cancelled or diverted from the 15th October, 1990 due to Kar Sewa Abhiyan;

(b) if so, at what level this decision was initiated; and

(c) whether Government propose to formulate any guidelines so that these essential services remain unaffected in future?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) (a) Yes, Sir

(b) Due to threatened Law and Order situation the decision was initiated at appropriate level

(c) The policy laid down envisages guaranteed services except during agitations/emergencies including accidents which are beyond the control of Railways

देश में चावल का उत्पादन

146. **सरदार जगजीत सिंह अरोड़ा :**
श्री राम जेठ मलानी :
क्या कृषिमंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि

(क) क्या यह सच है कि देश में चावल का औसत उत्पादन संसार विशेषतः पड़ौसी देशों की तुलना में औसत उत्पादन से कम है,

(ख) यदि हां, तो बगल देश, पाकिस्तान एवं नेपाल में उत्पादन की तुलना में भारत में चावल का औसत उत्पादन कितना है,

(ग) क्या यह भी सच है कि देश के अन्तर्गत विभिन्न राज्यों के चावल के औसत उत्पादन में बहुत भिन्नता है,

(घ) यदि हां, तो किस राज्य में चावल का सबसे अधिक और कहां सबसे कम उत्पादन है तथा उनका औसत उत्पादन कितना-कितना है ; और